

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, complete the first sentence added by applicants' amendment of July 26, 2000 to read:

This application is the 371 national phase filing of international application  
PCT/EP99/00481 which designated the U.S. and claims priority benefit based on EP  
98300525.7, filed January 26, 1998 filed January 25, 1999 which designated the U.S.